



facilitate, Dave Harry and Angeles attended.

- **Tribes.** EPA drafting 3-way MOU, EPA-NDEP-YPT; McGinnis asked if they could provide input for the first draft, Jim declined; used examples from R10, will share with YPT; Draft MOU obtained HQ review because of precedential issues, send out next week.

Additional funding requests for deferral activities received from YPT and WRPT.

- **Past Costs.** EPA to respond in writing to ARC offer, original demand \$8.5 million.
- Public comments. (Listing of other sites reportedly has not yet taken place). Anaconda is on the list for listing in September. No further action on the NPL comments until we know the path forward. HQ did not publish the March listing, plans for August publication.
- **Community Involvement.**
  - CIP. Draft, EPA team reviewed, Sarah hasn't shared with workgroup yet, awaiting direction re: deferral before moving along, on hold now.
- **SharePoint Site.**
  - Document chronology. CBI entering document dates into metadata by hand, 70% of the documents didn't have that data. EPA requested close watch on budget. CBI about halfway done, about 30 hours in, currently on hold, awaiting sub hours to be sure, stay tuned.
  - Task Order #44 only goes through September. Think about how to keep support of SP site going.
- **Tribal Grants.**
  - YPT Site-wide. Submitted request for SOW and funding for deferral related activities.
  - WRPT Site-wide. Past progress reports outstanding, needed to close previous grant. Submitted request for SOW and funding for deferral related activities, EPA will evaluate both tribes' requests.
- **Other/General.**

#### **OU1. Groundwater:**

- **Remedial Investigation Report.** Jack has internal draft, probably late May timeframe to agencies. Dave: ARC owes draft RI.
- **Plume Stability.**
  - Dave organizing technical discussion for EPA and tribe team; prepare written proposal for plume stability analysis; then meet and discuss with ARC.
- **Feasibility Study.** Awaiting direction of deferral before having ARC proceed.
- **Risk Assessment.** Haven't decided yet how to proceed.
- **Bottled water.**
  - EPA will wait until RI final before make decision about tribe's bottled water.
  - EPA to assist ARC with outreach to residents still on bottled water, ARC will provide

- updated list.
- Ginny reported issue with bottled water logistics, Ginny and Jack have corresponded.

### **OU3. Process Area:**

- **Remedial Investigation.** Report reviewed, Hill BLM and NDEP comments received, awaiting YPT comments; thinks RI is approvable now.
- **Risk Assessment.**
  - HHRA workplan. Workplan prepared, Dave to review.
- **FS/PP/ROD.** Complete RI and HHRA, de-prioritize FS. Dave to upload OU3 RI which was missing, still outstanding.

### **OU4a. Evaporation Ponds:**

- **Data Results.** ARC has delay with evaluation report.

### **OU7. Wabuska Drain:**

- **Phase 1.**
  - **Technical Issues** (background, agriculture, and further sampling). CBI provided ideas on gathering ag info based on work on Carson River; can pursue similar info for Mason Valley, got contacts, see types of info available, can pass on to ARC. Dante: update, tech call next week, key issues of agricultural impact, background statistics, and whether to advance sampling to the north. Want ARC to do literature search regarding agriculture. ARC did most of the additional statistics on background. Do not anticipate agreement on further sampling, 3 additional transects, Jeryl/NDEP have agreed with it (up to YPT reservation).
- **YPT sampling.**
  - **Data Results.** Validation reports complete, forwarded to McGinnis, reviewing himself. Data will need to be evaluated to see trends etc., fed into risk assessment, not quick answer.
- **HHRA/ERA Scoping.**
  - ARC was working on CSM update deliverable but Jack now talking about needing to resolve background questions first; Dante told him not to subtract background from data set.
  - Team discussed tribal exposure scenario throughout OU7, not just on reservation, had discussion at Jan 31 meeting with ARC.
- **Other Components.**
  - **Peripheral Components.** ARC provided information, data from early OU3 investigation, team considering whether sampling was adequate and whether OU7 should include it in its risk assessment or whether its more appropriate for OU4, since it is on the mine property and adjacent to OU4.
  - **Rail Spur.** CH2M drafting sampling plan, due end July. Note Thompson Smelter is there too, rail spur not just used for Anaconda mine, area-wide usage, Arimetco had parcel there too.
  - **Weber Reservoir.** Dante: update, technical call next week, first tech discussion with

ARC on topic, have 1 ½ borings in reservoir, use as initial screening, presence of metals deposited during operation of Anaconda Mine, look at what screening levels to use.

- EPA to do sulfur studies applicable to both OU7 and OU1/OU8, Hill do one sampling plan for all but not field work, obligated funds.
- WRPT outfall sampling. Initial introduction of topic to Jeryl, to discuss further next week, EPA funded scope, water sampling, look for metals in water that may have come from sediments, good to have direct data to be able to answer the question for WRPT.

#### OU8. Arimetco:

- **ROD/Response Summary.** Dante: update, EPA signed this week, original signature page to go with BLM, disseminate ROD to stakeholders in coordination with Sarah.
- **Enhanced Evaporation.** EPA sent conditional approval letter to ARC, they have most equipment already, can be ready to start in a week. Dante: update, ARC responses to EPA comments/issues, discuss tomorrow, addressed request for particulate sampling.
- **Groundwater contribution.** CBI and Hill are evaluating heaps, composition, leachability, isotopic analysis, have preliminary data, compare to groundwater data. Tech memo forthcoming from CBI and Hill. Interrelated with OU7 scoping task for Hill, we will also have them scope and write FSP for investigations of OU8 contribution to groundwater. Asking ARC for sulfur isotopic data that they referenced in background, wasn't in our dbase, to provide to CBI.
- **Free Use Permit.** NDEP submitted application for borrow material, to be used as cover, outside site boundary but on BLM public land, requires EA/EIS. ARC started discussions with BLM on potentially buying the public land within mine property, handled at District office. Dante: BLM gave ARC approval to conduct sampling in proposed borrow source area. BLM determined that EIS needed.

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#### TRIBAL GRANTS/COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS:

- YPT: #V00T33601 (other than OU7)
- YPT: #V99T14001-0 (OU7) [1/1/15-10/31/16]
- WRPT: #V00T39701

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